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SUBJECT: SPECIAL SUMMARY NUMBER 5

1. ALGERIANS ASK POSTPONEMENT OF NEWSOM VISIT

THE ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT HAS TOLD UNINT ALGIERS THAT IT MUST REQUEST THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY NEWSOM POSTPONE HIS UPCOMING VISIT TO ALGERIA. THE OSTENSIBLE REASON FOR THE REQUEST WAS THAT OFFICIALS WILL BE DEEPLY INVOLVED WITH PREPARATIONS FOR THREE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES. HOWEVER, CHARGE EAGLETON FEELS THAT THE REAL REASON IS ALGERIAN UNHAPPINESS THAT THE SECRETARY DID NOT STOP IN ALGIERS ON HIS MIDDLE EAST TRIP, ALONG WITH PIQUE OVER EGYPT'S UNILATERAL RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE US. (CONFIDENTIAL) ALGIERS 2345, 11/8 (EXDIS).

2. SIXTH FLEET FUELING PROVOKES ARAB THREAT AGAINST ITALY

EMBASSY ROME REPORTS THAT THE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR IN SAUDI ARABIA WAS CALLED IN TO HEAR A SAUDI CHARGE THAT ITALY, THROUGH ITS REFUELING OF THE SIXTH FLEET, IS IMPEDING THE
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ARAB OIL EMBARGO AND IS IN DANGER OF BEING ADDED TO THE ARAB'S LIST OF EMBARGOED COUNTRIES. (IN FACT, THE FLEET IS FUELED BY STOCKS PROVIDED UNDER NATO AGREEMENTS.) ASKED FOR THE ITALIAN REACTION TO A POSSIBLE ARAB EMBARGO ON FUEL FOR NATO FORCES, THE ITALIAN FOREIGN OFFICE FLATLY

STATED ITALY WOULD NOT BE MOVED BY AN ARAB THREAT INVOLVING
ITALY'S SUPPORT FOR NATO. THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAS ASKED
FOR THE SECRETARY'S GUIDANCE ON HOW TO MEET THIS LATEST
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